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Pass the Dollar-Gas Bill.

In accordance with an agreement made by members of the Senate District Committee that body will at next Friday's meeting take up for consideration and, perhaps, for action, House bill 6944 "Relating to the sale of gas in the District of Columbia." That is the "dollar-gas" bill which was passed by the House March 9; the bill which has received the emphatic endorsement of the Washington Board of Trade; the bill which expresses the sentiment of what for all practical purposes may reasonably be regarded as the entire community. It is not likely that the Senate Committee needs or will call for any information in addition to the abundance it now has on the gas question. Of hearings and argument there has been enough. The gas companies directly concerned have made their pleas and have convinced every unprejudiced student of the situation that gas can be profitably made and furnished at the rates fixed by the House act; although the gas companies had no such intention when they appeared before Congress. The advocates of reduction in price and improvement in quality showed conclusively that one dollar per thousand feet is a liberal figure when viewed from the consumers' standpoint. Just what the Senate committee will do to this important measure cannot be foretold, but it is known that the opposition—organized opposition—will do what it can to delay action. It is not likely that any effort will be made to bring about an adverse report, but every one of the procrastinatory methods that spring so easily from senatorial courtesy will probably be given a chance. The work of polite obstruction is being aided by the representatives of local corporations who desire legislation on their own account and who sympathize with the gas companies; they urge their own claims and suggest that the dollar-gas bill be laid aside so that it may no longer interfere with the measures that directly concern them. Those persons who are thus doing what they can to block the dollar-gas bill may easily overreach themselves, for it is said to be the fixed determination of the republican members of the committee to pass the bill. The dollar-gas bill is, oddly enough, democratic—to consider no other local legislation until the gas bill has been finally and satisfactorily disposed of. It is sincerely hoped that a majority of the committee will continue in that frame of mind. The dollar-gas bill does not work any injustice; it should become law without further delay.

A Word to Wheelmen.

An accident that illustrates a serious danger to which the people who do not ride bicycles are constantly exposed occurred in this city recently. It has come to be a common habit with the users of the wheel to ride as close as possible to the car tracks, in fact, it is explained, to get the advantage of the smoother pavement that there exists. Occasionally, as was the case the other day, a passenger on a car steps from the platform only to be run down by a wheel, which is being driven along at too rapid a pace to be swerved from its course in time. In such a city as this there is little reason for the wheelmen taking to the paths, for the fact that the streets are in such places fit for use, and the bicyclist should not be permitted to choose the most dangerous spot in the whole thoroughfare for the mere sake of a slight and in many cases an imagined increase of comfort. These accidents do not always occur as the result of fast riding, or "speeding," but are caused by the persistent habit of wheelmen of following the cars so closely that collisions are inevitable when passengers alight without taking the precaution to look in every direction. This is a matter that is probably beyond regulation, except so far as the wheelmen are susceptible to suggestion.

Do They Represent the President?

Senator Vilas is one of President Cleveland's intimates. Senator Bruce is said to be of the favored few who have well-formed ideas as to what President Cleveland is likely to do. Matters of importance affecting the country's financial interests. Interviewed as to the Cuban resolutions Senator Vilas said: "I have no hesitation in saying that neither the country nor Congress has information that would give warrant for recognizing the belligerency of the insurgents. That is the situation up to the present writing." Senator Bruce was even more guarded. Said he: "In reply to the double-headed question, 'What should the President do?' and 'What should Congress do if he does not act?' I will answer 'Nothing.' And, furthermore, that's precisely what will be done—nothing." Surely, these senators—who have generally been regarded as prominent among the administration's representatives in the Senate—do not represent the President in this Cuban matter.

It Needs Amendment.

There does not seem to appear to be any reason why the public and the Eckington-Belt management should not join hands as to the House joint resolution introduced yesterday by Representative Miles. The resolution authorizes the Eckington, Belt and Maryland and Washington Railway Companies to equip their respective lines, or any part thereof, with pneumatic or pneumatic or other modern motor power, subject to the approval of the District Commissioners. When the resolution has been amended so as to make the improvement immediately compulsory and to provide specifically and forcibly for the exclusion of the overhead trolley from the city it will probably be good enough for a law.

What Will He Do With It?

The wishes of the American people with regard to Cuba have now been formally declared. The deliverance of Congress is as clear as the sun at noon. The insurgents are not to be recognized, the independence of the island is to be maintained, and the exercise of the good offices of the government toward securing the independence of the island. That is the whole story in one sentence. It has been wisely decided to lay the resolutions before the President. Such is not the case with the resolutions—indeed, not to call for the President's signature, but the present case is in every way an exception. The very great importance of the matter, no less than the doubt hanging over the President's attitude, seemed to

make this course desirable, and it has been taken. We shall know now—and, let us hope, very shortly—precisely where the President stands.

The fear has been expressed on more than one occasion, and by more than one public man of eminence, that the President, copying his performance in the case of the Armenian resolutions, would ignore these resolutions. There is no likeness between them, and there is this very material difference, that discretion was expressly given him in the Armenian resolutions to forward them or withhold them, as in his judgment seemed best. He decided to withhold them, and, while his course met with general disapproval, he undoubtedly had authority for taking it. In the present case nothing is left to his discretion or judgment. The second resolution recites without qualification that as President he should use the friendly offices of the government with Spain toward securing the independence of Cuba. A refusal on his part to do this would in effect be a defiance of Congress.

It is needless to say that the co-operation of the President in this business is most respectfully desired. The part he is asked to play is by no means difficult, and as a friend of humanity and the Chief Executive of a great free people he ought to take pleasure in performing it. Congress has no information on the subject that he does not possess. War is in progress in Cuba; the Spanish commander is famous as a man of blood wherever known; he is carrying out a policy of blood, determined on at Madrid and undertaken by him without stipulation. This much is known of all men. Should anything more be necessary to induce the President to exert himself to the utmost in an effort to bring peace to Cuba?—the only proper and lasting peace that Cuba can hope to know?

Meanwhile, all honor to the Forty-fourth Congress! In every instance since assembling, where the question of the nation and its significance has been presented, it has risen easily and gladly to the full measure of the occasion. Venezuela, Armenia, Cuba, should be, and will be, long remembered to its credit.

The unlikelihood of any disturbance of the friendly relations of Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Morrison by events at Chicago is enhanced by the fact that it should not require a great deal of philosophy to enable almost any democrat to view the loss of the presidential nomination with equanimity.

The thoroughness of Princeton's Greek course was demonstrated yesterday when a wearer of the orange and black captured in throwing the "discus" at the Olympic games.

There is some apprehension that the Cuban resolution of Congress will not make much difference in the Cuban irresolution of the executive branch of the government.

If Mr. Hanna had taken a vice presidential candidate in hand the formality of holding a convention at St. Louis might possibly have been dispensed with.

All that is needed to clinch Major McKinley's prospect is for the General Grosvenor to be as good a mathematician as he is a "rooter."

The plot to kidnap one of the Vanderbilt family must necessarily have been organized by desperate persons who had nothing to lose.

A prudent bookmaker would place Mr. Boies of Iowa in the neighborhood of a 1 to 10 shot in the presidential race.

The silver men feel competent to venture an opinion as to what struck Mr. Patterson.

It is to be expected that Spain will now put extra hands at work on her flag-burning.

Senator Hill expects to be at the Chicago convention, but not in it.

SHOOTING STARS.
Disowned.
The hen observed the Easter egg. And said, "There's one thing flat; I should rebel if I were asked To hatch a freak like that."

"Big words an' fine clothes," said Uncle Eben, "is berry frequently alike in not kibirin' much dat re'ly 'mounts ter anything."

The Reasonable Test.
"Nobody ought to be fooled by oleomargarine," said the man who tries to pose as an oracle in his home, "if you can't tell the difference between butter and oleomargarine."

"Why not?" asked his wife.
"Because there are so many ways of distinguishing it from butter."

"Well," she replied, with emphasis, "I'm not going to set up a chemical laboratory in the kitchen and carry a microscope to market. I only ask for one way to tell them apart."

"How is that?"
"By the difference in price."

A Division of Labor.
The statesman who to new public life had been interviewed, and he felt nervous.
"Now, you understand," he said, "that I don't want to be misrepresented in anything that I have said."

"Of course. Do you want to be quoted literally?"
"No, no. I don't know as I do. I believe in every man stickin' to his particular line of duty. I'll put in the opinions and you put in the grammar."

As a Last Resort.
"What I want," said the theatrical manager, "is a genuine novelty."
"Something realistic?" asked the play writer.
"Yes; but I don't want any real pugilists, or real divorcee heroines, or real live stock, or real saw mills in it."

The play writer looked wearily thoughtful and, after a pause, suggested:
"How would it do to spring something on the public with real actors in it?"

An Emancipation Candidate.
The girl was small, but her tears were big. As she wept o'er her books and toys; And she sobbed "It's a shame that I have no more advantages as the boys."

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Three-burner Stoves, each.....\$1.15 to \$1.95	
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